

THE DAILY NOVELETTE

Spooks By R. RAY BAKER

The psychology of the trouble between Grace Gardner and Ralph Porter was psychology. To be more definite, it was spooks.

When he was in Chicago on a business trip Ralph attended a lecture by Sir Oliver Lodge. When he returned to Dodson he was convinced, and enthusiastically he set out to convince every one else. With some he may have succeeded, but with the majority he failed. Included in the majority was Grace.

"All nonsense!" Grace told him. "If you believe that stuff you've reverted to the belief of our uncivilized ancestors. It is everybody's business to know that the world has taken a big step backward."

"On the contrary," Ralph persisted. "It would mean the world had taken a step forward. It's only the stubborn materialist who closes his ears and refuses to be convinced. You wait and you'll see."

The climax came one Friday evening. Like all respectable small cities, Dodson boasted a haunted house. It was in reality a ruin of a veritable castle that had been erected in the woods by a wealthy family several generations ago. The window panes had all been shattered, due to the excellent aim of youthful stone throwers, and weeds had grown in profusion about the dilapidated structure. The interior was bare except for a few pieces of antique furniture which the last tenant had left.

On this Friday night Ralph appeared at Grace's home with a bundle of patches that ran through the woods, passing close by the haunted house, was a short cut between his home and hers, and usually he made use of it.

"There's a dismembered entity in the old haunted house," he informed Grace earnestly. "I heard it prowling around when I passed. Let us investigate. If we see a materialization it surely ought to convince you of the soundness of the survival theory."

"Not I," Grace objected. "I don't believe in your newly acquired ideas. But just the same, I have no objection to your going to the woods, especially at night. Personally, I think you've dwelt too much on your foolish notions, and you're beginning to see things."

Ralph was in no mood for criticism of this kind. He took himself seriously with his new hobby, or whatever it might be called, and while he had not hitherto very did not relish being told that he was seeing things, or hearing things, which would have been a better way of phrasing it.

The consequence was that a regular battle of words ensued, and terminated in a breach in relations. Ralph left in the grip of anger and started home along the path. However, he changed his mind and decided to go to the woods. It was rather lonely in the woods at night. Of course, he was not afraid, but well, the investigation could wait.

The breach put Grace in a far from amiable frame of mind. She loved Ralph, for all of his "foolish fad," as she called it, and she was morose all the next day.

Early Sunday evening Beth Stark came to see her, and they went for a walk, wandering into the woods.

Suddenly Grace appeared to have an inspiration. "Let's visit the haunted house," she suggested. "Maybe we'll get a look at a spook. I don't take any stock in such things, but we can have some fun prowling over the ruin. It's just growing dusk, and it isn't as bad as if it were real dark."

Beth agreed. She was a sensible girl and braver than many of her sex, and she was ready for a diversion. So the two girls made their way to the haunted house.

So into the haunted house they went, gaining access through a window, because the doors were boarded up. Inside it was quite dark, for foliage covered most of the windows. Grace felt herself trembling.

The girls went through several rooms, feeling their way along dungeonic passages. In the middle of them Beth stumbled upon a board leaning against a wall, and it fell with a clatter. At the same instant, it seemed, they heard a step resound on the floor above.

"What's that?" quavered Grace, shivering. She placed a hand on Beth's shoulder and felt the latter trembling, too.

"Don't ask me," whispered Beth. "Maybe it's the spook."

They stood still, listening, and the noise above was repeated. "Let's—let's go," suggested Grace. "I'm willing," her chum agreed.

They retraced their steps toward the room they had just left. It was the room in which a staircase mounted to the upper story. As they moved along the passage, the girls heard a step on the stairs—a perfectly distinct step. They stopped again, wondering what to do next; for certainly they did not want to meet the spook or whatever it was.

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